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“In the shown embodiment the mutually opposed portions of the discharge vessel through which first and second leadthrough conductors extend, are neck-shaped, which is preferred to have the leadthrough formed by the sealing of the leadthrough conductor to the ceramic material at a location which will stay relatively cool during lamp operation. In the shown embodiment the leadthrough conductors are sealed to the ceramic neck-shaped portions at the end of each neck-shaped portion pointing away from the discharge space by means of a sealing frit (not shown in the drawing) in a way well known in the art. The thus formed ~~[[fleadthroughs]]~~ leadthroughs form hermetic sealings of the discharge vessel. Alternative leadthrough constructions are well known in the art, for instance formed by a cermet being gastight sintered to the ceramic end portion. Preferably, an exhaust tube 18 for evacuating the outer envelope 1 is provided in the lamp base 8. In this manner, the outer envelope 1 can be evacuated after the discharge vessel 11 and the outer bulb 1 have been mounted on the lamp base 8. In an alternative embodiment the exhaust tube 18 may also form in the lamp base 8 a feed through tube of one of the current supply conductors to its respective contact member.”

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

“The invention relates a high-pressure discharge lamp, which comprises:
an outer bulb (1) in which a discharge vessel (11) is arranged around a longitudinal axis (22),
the discharge vessel enclosing, in a gastight manner, a discharge space (13) provided with an ionizable filling,
the discharge vessel having a first (2) and a second (3) mutually opposed portion forming a first and a second leadthrough through which a first (40) and a second (50) leadthrough conductor, respectively, extend to a pair of electrodes (6,7) arranged in the discharge space,
a lamp base (8) of electrically insulating material supporting the discharge vessel via a first (4) and a second (5) current supply conductor, each having a weld with the respective first